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1. NATO AND PORTUGAL: SUPPLEMENT OF WEEKLY PRO-PSD NEWSPAPER
"EXPRESSO" DEC. 3 PUBLISHED TWO-PAGE ANALYSIS TITLED
"WHAT DOES NATO WANT OF PORTUGAL? WHAT DOES PORTUGAL WANT
FROM NATO: RPROFESSIONALIZE THE ARMED FORCES TO DE-POLITICIZE."
GIST OF ARTICLE GIVEN IN FOLLOWING EXCERPT: "WHAT DOES NATO
WANT OF PORTUGAL? APPARENTLY TO REINFORCE THE PORTUGUESE
PRESENCE IN THE ALLIANCE AND RETURN TO THE MILITARY ITS
PROFESSIONAL ROLE, REMOVING IT FROM POLITICS AND THUS
CONTRIBUTING TOWARD STABILIZING THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM
AND THE SUPREMACY OF CIVILIAN POWER (ALL OF THIS, OF
COURSE, WITHIN THE STRATEGY OF THE SOUTHERN FLANK AND
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF THE
AZORES). WHAT DOES PORTUGAL WANT FROM NATO? APPARENTLY,
TO FIND FOR ITS ARMED FORCES, AND ESPECIALLY FOR THE
ARMY, A PURELY MILITARY FUNCTION AND TO OBTAIN THE
MATERIEL AND TECHNOLOGICAL HELP WHICH WOULD PERMIT
GIVING IT A ROLE WHICH SATISFIES THE MEN WHO ARE ON
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ACTIVE DUTY (ALL OF THIS, OF COURSE, TAKING INTO
ACCOUNT THE ROLE OF THE ARMED FORCES IN APRIL 25, THE
LATER INTERVENTION OF THE ARMED FORCES, THE CONSTITUTIONAL
ROLE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND THE POLITICAL-
ECONOMIC SITUATION). WHY THE SOVIET 'NERVOUSNESS' ABOUT THIS?
('EXPRESSO' HAD CITED STATEMENTS IN PRAVDA AND RED STAR
CRITICIZING PORTUGUESE NATO ROLE.) PERHAPS FOR THE SOVIET

UNION, THE FACT THAT PORTUGAL IS ASSUMING NATO RESPONSIBILITIES IS MUCH CLEARER AND MORE DIRECT THAN WHAT HAPPENED UNTIL RECENTLY WHEN EVERYTHING WAS SIMPLY STATEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS....."

CONCLUSION OF ARTICLE WAS: "THE SUBJECT OF NATO, WHICH WAS VERY MUCH IN VOGUE UNTIL ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO, NOW TO THE CONTRARY HAS FALLEN INTO DISUSE EVEN AMONG THE SMALLER, FEISTIER FAR-LEFT GROUPS. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE SUBJECT COULD NOT RETURN TO THE FOREFRONT QUICKLY, BUT IF THAT HAPPENED, THE FUNDAMENTAL REASONS WOULD BE IN INTERNAL POLITICS RATHER THAN IN THE LINKS WHICH MEANWHILE HAVE BEEN CREATED AND CONSOLIDATED WITH THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION."

2. CARTER LETTER TO EANES: PRESS GAVE CONSIDERABLE PLAY TO RECENT LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT. HEADLINES EMPHASIZED U.S. PRESIDENT'S PHRASE, "STRONG SUPPORT TO THE PORTUGUESE DEMOCRACY."

3. U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD: COMMUNIST "O DIARIO" DEC. 3 PUBLISHED A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT ON U.S. MINORITIES, WHICH SOUGHT TO SHOW THAT THE UNITED STATES SYSTEMATICALLY VIOLATES THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF BLACKS, INDIANS AND OTHER MINOR GROUPS. THE LEAD OF AN EDITORIAL SAID, "PRESENTING ITSELF TO THE WORLD OVER AS 'A CHAMPION OF HUMAN RIGHTS', THE U.S. UNCLASSIFIED

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GOVERNMENT PRESIDES OVER THE DESTINY OF A COUNTRY WHERE DISCRIMINATION ... HAS BECOME AN INSTITUTION." THE EIGHT-PAGE SUPPLEMENT INCLUDED ARTICLES ON THE CHICANOS, PUERTO RICO'S CULTURE, THE AMERICAN MOVEMENT OF INDIANS, ALLEGED POLITICAL PRISONERS WITH QUOTES FROM SYLVIA BJORNSON AND THE 'NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST AND POLITICAL REPRESSION', AND A SIMMON JAMES BY-LINER FROM NEW YORK ON "CULTURAL SEGREGATION."

4. CIA: "O DIARIO" DEC. 5 CARRIED ARTICLE DETAILING MATERIAL ALLEGEDLY OBTAINED FROM DECLASSIFIED MAY 22, 1964, CIA SPECIAL REPORT ON "PORTUGUESE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK AND ITS POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS" APPARENTLY OBTAINED THROUGH LBJ LIBRARY. HEADLINE WAS "SECRET DOCUMENT ABOUT PORTUGAL REVEALS CIA'S LOE FOR FASCISM."
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